

REMARKS

Present Status of Patent Application

Claims 1, 4-7 and 11-15 remain pending in the present application of which new claims 12-15 have been added. It is believed that no new matter adds by way of the foregoing amendments made to claims or otherwise to the specification.

Response To Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4-7 and 11 under judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 and 3-5 of US patent No. 6,220,930.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit the attached terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.32(c). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

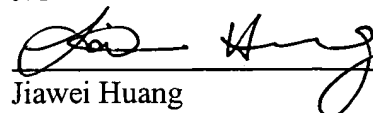
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all pending claims 1, 4-7 and 11-15 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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